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## MILITARY WEAKNESS OUR NATIONAL DANGER.

United States has allowed its defenses to break down again. It is a part of its tradition to do so, after a war, and in following this tradition ft has had some very bad slumps in the past. The present reaction from the war is at a bad time and the American mood is a dangerous one.

The United States is not so free from troubles and so out of possible danger that it can afford its complete lack of preparations. Americans should look at their prospects and their future seriously and, without scaring themselves, admit the existence of conditions even if the facts are unpleasant,

We cannot afford to ignore the gravity of our relations with Japan., The principal issue, now acute again, is one of long standing, and several earnest efforts in diplomacy to find a solution of it have not been successful. That is evident because the Japanese never were more irritated than they are now by California exclusion acts. The country cannot control California action, but will support that state. We feel that California is doing what any state would do and what any nation would do, but the tene of Japanese comment, even when it endeavors to remain friendly and considerate, is serious, and when it is candid it is alarming.

Japan is getting into the mood which makes war possible, and it must be remembered that the Jap-Read the press which ever anese did, not suffer any military weakening from the war. They are practical realists and their poiicy will be developed with relation to American

With the Japanese our weakness will make hat the same influences trouble for us. It is provocative. It strengthens mit us to the covenant Japan's purposes. It intensifies her demands upon work persistently for the United States. The condition of our army and navy has effect upon Japan's attitude towards the

If the Japanese decide that war is the only met not negatively method by which they can determine questions with us, it will be because they think the condition eaders who insist of the United States permits a war to be fought rotected in what- successfully where and how they intend to fight it,

The American carrying trade is being subjected to a series of irritating, unfriendly acts in Japanese ports which reveal the extent to which the Japanese resent American activities. The new shipping law for the Philippines has aggravated this. There are causes of irritation aside from the exclusion of

Japanese, which is the gravest issue.

Americans may not know it or they may be indifferent to the fact, but the United States and Japan are on very bad terms and they are becoming worse. We have nothing to gain in a war with Japan, Japan has something to gain in a war with the United States. The war would be com plets folly for the United States, but we may not be able to avoid it.

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#### KOREA'S RELIGIOUS PERIL

AN KOREA KEEP HER, SOUL when the theology in which her Christian population has been nurtured feels the attack of science? This is one of the dangers which menace Korean liberation—a danger added to the alleged Japanese policy of repression and assimilation and the seeming reversal of the recently proclaimed "Gospel of Self-Determination." Under the fire of persecution the Koreans found themselves, and became "magnificent patriots," and in 1919 the spirit of Korean Christians was "like that of the early Christian martyrs." But there has come a revulsion of feeling, says Allan A. Hunter, who has recently returned from a trip through the Far East, in The Christian Work. "Even as America has swung back from her extreme idealism, . . . so Korca is in dan-



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ger of reacting," and her people, thinks the writer, will have a hard time keeping up to their present-day patriotism. In addition/ to the likelihood of a psychological reaction, "they are now being exposed to a withering wind of cymicism," and soon will know better than to pin their hope to Western expressions of international idealism." So, while her political aspirations are being foiled, we are told, by Japanese repression, and ineessant propaganda is being directed against missionaries and Christian schools, the Korean soul is, in the end, menaced by literalness and its own "extreme Christian conservatism." How, ther, the new foundlings of Christianity will withstand constant assaults of material forces, political foes, and a broader interpretation of the Christian teaching is a serious question. The Korean Christians, numbering 300,000

out of a population of sixteen to twenty millions, take their religion passionately, we are told, by the writer in The Christian Work, who continues:

"Christianity, with those white-gowned men and women, is a raging fire, no flickering flame. And the missionaries fostering that fire are dedicated spirits who love their work and who love

the Koreans.

"But the Christians of Korea are tied to the kind of theology hat created the world in one hundred and sixty-eight hours. They look for Jesus to appear in a cloud of glory any day now on he Mount of Olives. They overemphasize the second coming

and underemphasize social service.

"Now this kind of desperate enthusiasm gets quick results: he converts won are sincere and numerous. But in spite of he temporary gains it is bound to cause trouble for the Koreans. Not this year, perhaps, but in this generation, the young men who not this year, perhaps, but in this generation, the young men who have been nurtured on the antievolution doctrine are going to run up against science. Then what will happen? Will they dhere to the old faith? Probably not. With an access of kepticism, they will be tempted to throw away their entire cligion with their antiquated theology.

"Japan's repression may not conquer the Koreans, but Japan's science, possibly will. And unless the missionaries commence.

science possibly will. And unless the missionaries commence immediately to present a Christianity interpreted in modern terms, a skepticism, and with it a pessimism of discouraging pro-

portions, will sweep over the peninsula.

"Korea is threatened with a revulsion of feeling, with Japanese repression, and with eventual skepticism. In the face of such dangers, can Korea keep her soul?"

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Dear De moffett: ) am glad to have had the privilege of knowing you since 1920 when I met you in central church in Calumbus O. T after your sermon and talk on Korea. We had been appointed to Karea but Shad not met you get. you took me with you when you ment to talk to the men's Bible Class in the afternoon and after telling the men of the Korea mission's purpose of establishing a selfsufferting and self propagating church, that this young man has just been appointed to go out and teach the Christians something of Western agriculture in order that they may be more able to support the growing church and its ettension: you then a ; roused my immiagnation somewhat beyond the passibility of missionary uslivity when you mentioned the great wheat and corn fields of monchuria. No doubt, however, that possibility in a distant future had a good effect in keeping me enthusiastic over my Token I arrived in Korea and found there was no money for carrying out my "grand ideas" even for so small a place as Pyengy and I naturally was disappointed. I don't think I was the first new missioning you ever had to deal

with but I may have warried you most of any of hem I've seen plenty of evidence to convince me that you have always been as enthusiastic for the agricultural work as you mere even when talking to that Bible Class in Celumbers but there simply was no money for it. I know that now but could next understand then Sometimes a shortage of money is a real blessing in disquise at least it made it easy oud necessary for you to kear to me what I have had to say many times to young Koreans in my turn and that is: "Dr. moffett once said to me, the only mission work that has been a real and lasting success has been that that began in a small way and grew up" I then began to look for things to begin in a small way and have been glad for it. In that first sermon I learned from you that Kasea built the first submarine, mude the first partlant climent and first movable type. also that the the truss was introduced to Karea in the buildings. Control Church. The story of the building of that big church building thirille we as did the story of the from the fifth church I have since learned that we as did the story of the frist to do many therip in Kares as well as to establish churches you mere the first to do mand offetamere introduced by you sunderstand but you and schools. Devil come and offetamere introduced by you rade the first biggs. and now see what the higgle has done for Karea. It has Karea on the more and now see what the higgle has done for Karea. It has Karea on the more which reminds me of the story of your ride down hill when you scared which reminds me of the story of your ride down hill when you scared the bull you called to some Korean men below It? It and they left the bull many more birth days to you to muffett. In, Luty



Pastor Kil Sun Choo - Pastor of the great Central Church in Pyeng Hang, Korea - great leader in the revival of 1907 - Korean great scholar-preacher - His church Ey 1920 was the mother church for 60 churches within a radius of One day he was preaching to the missionaries 10 mules. He told the story of the bell in the bellfry outside the Central Church - given by a church in lower. Inscribed on it were the words "Ring Till Jesus Comes". Every Sunday for years it rang out the message. Then, one day at was selent. Even non-Christianis were worried. "The hell of the Christians unt ringing" Some seared individuals thought the end had come. Ou moestigation, the hell was found on the ground a mit had come loose from many intrations + the hell fell. It was put track in place and rang out again. The whole city was relieved. The tone, the message, was not in the screw but unless the screw did its job the hell Nou you mussionaries, said Pastor Kel,

you thunk we are slow to respond and slow to learn. You often feel you are not appreciated or given credit for the routine work you are doing for peofile who have not yet learned to do everything decently and in order. But remember that the bell could not ring out unless the foll and mut did the job of holding things together. You are all very important to sounding forth the message Reek on faithfully along the job the Lord asks of you that the fell may continue to call the world to Christ. Ring till Jesus comes.

P.S. As a Poy I was very impressed by the heavy glasses Pastor Kil had to wear in order to see. They magnified his eyes to a scary sige Dr. Whiting missionary doctor, had operated on his eyes to rostore his sight and enable him to read.

## Daybreak Prayers

KIL SUNJU believed that prayer changes things. This great Korean preacher "rose early in the morning and had a quiet time of waiting on the Lord in intercession for others, and for guidance in the work of the day," says a missionary who knew him, writing in The Korean Mission Field. "He prayed twenty years for the conversion of his elder brother before that brother yielded himself to Christ.

"He and his friend, elder Pak Chirok, met for prayer in the early-morning hours. They were so blest in it that they brought the matter before the church, and arrangements were made for any and all who wished to do so to join them at that time of day. Many came and this was the beginning of the daybreak prayer meetings which have ever since been such a feature of the Korean Church, especially at the time of revivals and other religious meetings."

